

REMARKS

The Examiner has requested restriction of claims 14-17 of this Application. Applicants have withdrawn Claim 14. Claims 15-17 are now pending in this Application. Applicants' withdrawal of Claim 14 is without prejudice to the Applicants' right to file a divisional application at a later date having Claim 14 and to the Applicants' right to claim priority to this Application and all earlier filed Applications, including U.S. Application No. 09/677,575, filed October 3, 2000, which is a divisional of U.S. Application No. 09/220,08 filed December 23, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,171,833.

Conclusion

Applicants submit that claims 15-17 are in allowable form. Applicants believe the amendments made herein place the application in allowable form and respectfully request entry of said amendments. Reconsideration of pending claims 15-17, allowance and passage to issue are respectfully requested.

Authorization

It is believed that this Response and Amendment requires no fee. However, if an additional fee is required for any reason, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 02-4553 the necessary amount.

Respectfully submitted,

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